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**CALLOWAY COUNTY MAN SENTENCED
FOR FEDERAL FIREARMS VIOLATIONS**

*– Convicted felon had 13 guns
– 6 felony convictions*

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that on January 8, 2007, **DAVID ELLIOTT**, age 52, of 5633 Pottertown Road, Murray, Kentucky, in Calloway County, **was sentenced** in United States District Court, Paducah, Kentucky, for the knowing possession of firearms while he was a convicted felon.

Hon. Thomas B. Russell, Judge, United States District Court, sentenced **Elliott** to 2 years and 6 months, plus 3 years supervised release following incarceration. **There is no parole in the federal judicial system.**

From 1978 through 1999, **Elliott** had been convicted of six state felony convictions, all involving burglary or stolen property. **Elliott** had been found guilty by a jury of the knowing possession of firearms when he had been convicted of a felony. On August 7, 2005, Calloway County deputies had responded to a domestic violence call at **Elliott's** residence. At that time they learned that various firearms were in the residence. After being satisfied that the domestic issues had resolved, the officers left the residence. However, the officers made additional investigation and learned that **Elliott** was a convicted felon. They obtained a search warrant for the residence.

On August 11, 2005, officers and agents from various law enforcement agencies executed the search warrant and found 13 firearms (2 loaded revolvers & 11 rifles/shotguns) and a large amount of ammunition in the residence.

Elliott had been convicted in Calloway Circuit Court, Calloway County, Kentucky, case number 78-CR-022 on July 24, 1978, of two counts of third degree burglary; in Calloway Circuit Court, Calloway County, Kentucky, case number 88-CR-072-1 on October 26, 1990, of two counts of receiving stolen property; in Henry Circuit Court, Henry County, Tennessee, case number 12413 on September 23, 1996, of one count of theft of property; in Calloway Circuit Court, Calloway County, Kentucky, case number 97-CR-00165 on October 25, 1999, of two counts of obscuring the identity of a machine and two counts of receiving stolen property; in Calloway Circuit Court, Calloway County, Kentucky, case number 97-CR-00189 on October 25, 1999, of second degree persistent felony offender; and in Calloway Circuit Court, Calloway County, Kentucky, case number 98-CR-00048 on October 25, 1999, of receiving stolen property over \$300.00 and second degree persistent felony offender.

This was a **Project Backfire** prosecution. **Project Backfire** is a partnership of state and federal law enforcement which targets violent offenders for prosecution to the fullest extent of state and federal law. The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, the Kentucky State Police, and the Calloway and Marshall County Sheriff's Departments.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys David Sparks and Michele Thielhorn.

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